

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 6-11, 13 and 14 are pending. Claims 1, 3-5, and 12 have been canceled. The independent claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter as set forth below. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The rejection over prior art is moot in view of the amendment.

III. Allowable Subject Matter


Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 5, 6, 9 and 12 were objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 2 has been rewritten as an independent claim to include all of the limitations of claim 5, including intervening claims, and claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, to include the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. The dependency of claim 7 has been amended. Claim 11 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 12, including claim 1 and all of the intervening claims and claim 12 has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

The application has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action, and applicant submits that the application is therefore in condition for allowance. No fee is believed due. However, any fee required to obtain entry and consideration of this paper may be charged to deposit account no. 06-1205.

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